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6. [] BRIEFING Julie Marshall, on the staff of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa), requested a briefing for the Senator on South Africa on 26 August, 11:30 a.m. [] OCI, has been advised and will provide the briefers.

7. [] HEARINGS Bob Boettcher, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, House International Relations Committee, called to formally request that the CIA provide a witness for a public session to be held on 9 September. The subject matter is human rights in North Korea. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

8. [] LIAISON I called John Swanner, Staff Director, House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and told him that we now had translations of the Panorama article and that I was sending up copies by courier pursuant to his request. He asked if we could also furnish him with a copy of the document referred to in the articles and I told him that I thought so but I would check and get back to him.

9. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Lyle Morris, on the staff of Senator John Glenn (D., Ohio), regarding one pending change in S. 2925, the zero-base review bill, as reported out by the Senate Government Operations Committee earlier this month. I informed Mr. Morris of the language we think should be in the bill, but he was short of time so he agreed to send me some more material and alternative language (the bill is now pending before the Senate Rules Committee).

10. [] LIAISON Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and asked who the new Comptroller was. I told him that Jack Iams, former Comptroller, was now working on a SIGINT Task Force and Jim Taylor has moved up to be Comptroller.

McConnell mentioned that because of the climate on the Hill at this time, he may decide to cancel his trip to Agency facilities. He said he would not make a final decision until we talk further on it.

11. [] LIAISON Talked with Representative Daniel Flood (D., Pa.) concerning the upcoming House/Senate Conference and mentioned to him that there were several areas the Director was concerned about. I offered to provide him with a paper covering these areas. Mr. Flood said he would talk with Representative Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.), who already has our paper, and appreciated my calling.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request from Robert Boettcher, on the Staff of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, House International Relations Committee, that CIA Provide a Witness re Human Rights in North Korea

1. Robert Boettcher called to formally request that the CIA provide a witness to testify on human rights in North Korea at a hearing to be held on 9 September 1976. He stated that the hearing was to be public. He added that the request was being made because to date there have been several allegations by witnesses before the Subcommittee with respect to South Korea that "if you think things are bad in South Korea, you should see what's going on in North Korea." He stated that nobody had been able to testify on the North Korea human rights issue and that Chairman Donald M. Fraser (D., Minn.) wanted one Executive Branch witness and that they had turned to the Agency because we were the most knowledgeable of any of the Executive Branch agencies on the subject.

2. He added that Chairman Fraser was aware there was some concern on the part of the Executive Branch with respect to the presence of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) at hearings where CIA witnesses appeared. Boettcher said that Fraser guaranteed that Harrington would be spoken to in advance to ensure that the hearing would be non-confrontational and that no questions would be asked outside the realm of the subject matter.

3. I told him that we were quite concerned about providing a witness. First of all, we did not normally appear in public sessions before any committees and that it was felt that there was no need to make an exception in this case. I also explained to him that in fact we had very little information on the subject matter which had not already been provided to the Department of State. I told him, however, that I would discuss it again with the appropriate persons and get back to him.


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